

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of **Wikstrom Telephone
Company's** Request for Approval of Certified
Actual Costs Associated with the **Roseau
County** 911 Emergency Telephone Services
System

ISSUE DATE: September 25, 2000

DOCKET NO. **P432/ES-00-1135**

ORDER APPROVING CERTIFIED 911
SYSTEM COSTS

BACKGROUND

On November 5, 1986, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Roseau County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On October 28, 1987, the Commission approved the actual costs U S West Communications (formerly known as Northwestern Bell) incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Roseau County.

On May 25, 1988, the Commission approved the actual costs Wikstrom Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Roseau County.

On December 29, 1999, the Commission approved actual costs Independent Emergency Services Limited Liability Company incurred in placing a portion of a tandem based E911 service for Automatic Number Identification (ANI) in the 911 Emergency Services system in Roseau County.

On August 18, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs Garden Valley Telephone Company incurred for placing interexchange trunks and transfer lines for ANI service in a portion of the 911 Emergency Services system in Roseau County.

On August 28, 2000, the Commission approved actual costs Independent Emergency Services, Limited Liability incurred for placing a portion of Automatic Location Identification (ALI) in the 911 Emergency Services system in Roseau County.

CURRENT FILING

On March 9, 1999, Wikstrom Telephone Company (the Company) placed interexchange circuits from the Erskine to Roosevelt, Turtle River to Roosevelt, Turtle River to Warroad, Erskine to Warroad, Turtle River to Roseau, Erskine to Roseau, Turtle River to Malung, Erskine to Malung, Turtle River to Wannaska, Erskine to Wannaska, Turtle River to Strathcona, Erskine to Strathcona, Turtle River to Badger, Erskine to Badger, Turtle River to Greenbush and Erskine to Greenbush Exchanges for tandem based Automatic Number Identification (ANI) service in the 911 Emergency Telephone Services System in Roseau County.

On October 29, 1999, the Company installed ALI ports in the Greenbush, Badger, Strathcona, Wannaska, and Malung Exchanges.

On July 11, 2000, the Company installed ALI ports in the Roosevelt Exchange.

On July 11, 2000, the Company certified the actual costs it incurred for the provision of interexchange circuits for ANI and ALI service.

The Company is now requesting Commission approval of the actual ANI and ALI system costs. Commission approval is necessary before the Department of Administration (DOA) will make payments for 911 system costs.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11, subd. 3 states:

Subd. 3 (METHOD OF PAYMENT; CERTIFICATION.) A public utility incurring reimbursable costs under subdivision 1 or 2 shall certify those costs to the commissioner of administration. The certification shall be in a form as prescribed by the commissioner after consultation with the public utilities commission. If the commissioner and the commission approve the certified costs as appropriate and accurate, the commissioner shall pay the certified costs from money appropriated for that purpose within 90 days following receipt by the commissioner of the certified costs. The commissioner of administration shall estimate the amount required to reimburse public utilities for the state's obligations under subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section and the governor shall include the estimated amount in the biennial budget request.

Wikstrom Telephone Company has certified, in writing, that the elements of 911 services and associated costs indicated on Attachment A, reflect only charges for services actually rendered in the direct provision of 911 service in Roseau County.

All charges listed on Attachment A are in accordance with the Company's tariffs.

The Commission finds that the costs for 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Roseau County which have been certified by the Company are appropriate and accurate.

Policy References:

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11 System Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1400 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Recurring Costs

Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1500 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Central Office Modification Costs

ORDER

1. The costs identified on Attachment A accompanying this Order are approved as appropriate and accurate pursuant to the Commission's March 21, 2000 Standing Order Designating Filings Requesting Certification of 911 Costs As Filings Subject to Approval Under Minn. Stat. § 216A.03, Subd. 7, Docket No. P-999/CI-99-1723.
2. This Order does not approve payment of any 911 system costs. Any possible future approval of payment for system costs shall be granted by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 403.11.
3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

I _____, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on the ____ day of _____, 2000 (s)he served the attached **Order Approving Certified 911 System Costs for Roseau County 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No. P432/ES-00-1135.**

XX By depositing in the United States Mail at the City of St. Paul, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage prepaid

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, _____

a notary public, this ____ day of

_____, 2000.

Notary Public